

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 7, 2016

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Mayor Paul M. Shapiro called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Marcellino, Moran, Raymond, Ryan, Sargent, Shaiken, Shapiro

Excused: Kochenburger,

Staff Present: Town Manager Matthew Hart, Director of Finance Cherie Trahan, Assistant Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Public Works John Carrington, Director of Facilities Allen Corson, Director of Parks and Recreation Curt Vincente, Director of Information Technology Jaime Russell

1. Staff Reports/Communications

The Director of Finance reviewed items identified for future discussions, flagged items, and the requests for information from the previous meeting and discussed the distributed supporting documents.

2. Budget Review

- Board of Education

In attendance: Randy Walikonis (Chair), Katherine Paulhus, Kathleen Ward, Martha Kelly, John Fratiello, Jr., Susannah Everett, Superintendent Kelly Lyman

The Chair and Superintendent presented highlights of the Board of Education budget noting a 4.35% increase mostly due to increased costs in benefits and salaries.

Request for Information – Provide information on per pupil cost by districts over a number of years.

Hearing no objections Mayor Shapiro recommended the Council discuss the Capital Improvement Program budget for the Board of Education as the next item of business.

- Town Wide

Ms. Capriola discussed the Employee Benefits Program, and the Liability, Automobile and Property Insurance Program. Mr. Hart described the funds in the Contingency Account.

Request for Information – Correct the percentage of increase in the Medical Benefits line of the graph. (Page 176)

- Operating Transfers

Mr. Hart briefly reviewed the General Fund contributions to other Town funds. Proposed changes to the special fare transit program will be discussed at a future meeting.

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Mr. Carrington, Mr. Corson, Mr. Vincente and Mr. Russell responded to questions regarding items in the CIP.

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Flag – Explore alternatives to bonding for the proposed Mansfield Board of Education projects.

Request for Information – Clarify the number of the ambulance recommended for replacement. (Page 191)

Request for Information – Provide the current balances for the existing and proposed CIP projects.

Request for Information – Request that Chief Dagon be asked to provide information regarding the Public Safety CIP items including details on ongoing replacement programs and plans for existing balances in the CIP Fund

3. Discussion of Proposed Budget/Council Questions

No comments offered.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaiken moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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